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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT FOR EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN
AND THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN - OCT/NOV/DEC 2005

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11. (U) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION:

AMERICAN EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN located on Barbados is comprised of 8 resident agencies housed in four separate facilities; the Chancery, the Admin Annex, the Consular building and the warehouse. Construction on the New Embassy Compound (NEC) is approximately 70 percent complete. Move-in is planned for second half of CY-2006. DS/OBO transition and de-certification teams have yet to visit Post.

- EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN is staffed with 66 U.S. direct-hire (USDH), 2 U.S. PSC, 11 U.S. EFM/PIT, 6 U.S. WAE, 103 FSN/PSA/PSC, and 5 FSN/WAE employees.

- USAID SATELLITE OFFICE is staffed with 2 USDH, 3 USPSC, 1 TCN, and 6 FSN/PSA USAID employees.

- OBO NEW EMBASSY COMPOUND (NEC) is staffed with 2 USDH's, 1 USPSC, and 4 FSN employees. A complement of Cleared American Guards (CAGs) and Cleared Security Technicians (CST) work on the NEC compound and are housed locally in leased accommodations.

CHIEF OF MISSION (COM) responsibility extends to seven (7) independent nations of the Eastern Caribbean including:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Barbados
- Dominica
- Grenada
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines

CONSUL GENERAL (CG), Bridgetown provides consular services for the nations listed above as well as the following ten (10) dependent territories:

- British Virgin Islands (UK Territory)
- Montserrat (UK Territory)
- Anguilla (UK Territory)
- Martinique (FR Territory)
- Guadeloupe (FR Territory)
- St. Martin (FR Territory)
- St. Barthelemy (FR Territory)
- St. Maarten (NE Territory) (Visa issues only)
- Saba (NE Territory) (Visa issues only)
- St. Eustatius (NE Territory) (Visa issues only)

NOTE: AmConsul Curacao has American Citizen Services (ACS) oversight for the three Dutch Islands of St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius.

Various elements of the Mission (USAID, OFDA, LEGATT, IRS, DEA, CONSULAR, RSO, ORA) have responsibilities extending to other independent nations and dependent territories of the broader Insular Caribbean.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Outside Barbados, the Embassy has oversight responsibilities for Embassy Grenada, two Consular Agencies (Antigua and Martinique), the U.S. Peace Corps (Headquartered in St. Lucia). Although the preponderance of USG employees under the authority of the COM resides on Barbados and Grenada, there are:

-- 101 Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV) serving throughout the region;

-- Over 2000 American citizen (AmCit) students attending universities on St. Kitts and Nevis, Grenada, Dominica, St. Maarten, Saba and Aruba (Netherlands Antilles), Curacao, and St. Lucia;

-- Approximately 25,000 AmCits resident in the Consular district; and,

-- Approximately 5,000 to 10,000 AmCit passengers traveling daily on cruise ships in Post's 150,000 square mile area of responsibility (AOR).

AMERICAN EMBASSY GRENADA is comprised of 1 USDH

Principal Officer, five FSN/PSA/PSC employees, and a local guard force numbering six.

PEACE CORPS OFFICE on St. Lucia is comprised of thirty (34) Peace Corps employees; two (2) U.S. direct hires, seven (8) Peace Corps Foreign Nationals (FSN), and twenty-three (23) personal service contract (PSC) personnel stationed regionally. There are 101 Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) serving in the Eastern Caribbean. There are volunteers on each Island Nation in Bridgetown's AOR except Barbados. The 101 total is broken down per island as follows:

Antigua - 13
Dominica - 20
Grenada - 14
St. Kitts & Nevis - 12
St. Lucia - 19
St. Vincent - 23

EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN employees and their families in Barbados are housed in approximately 60 residential units spread across five Parishes. Forty-five (45) USG STL residences require upgrades to be in 100 percent compliance with Department residential security and fire and life-safety standards.

-- USDOD, Southern Command, has operational oversight for the U.S. Air Station, a satellite tracking station on Antigua. Two U.S. DOD uniformed personnel, approximately 72 DOD contract civilian employees, and 90 LES working at the U.S. Air Station on Antigua; An MOU for security oversight is being reviewed by the Department and DOD. This MOU recommends security responsibility be maintained by the USDOD, Southern Command.

1A. ROUTINE ACTIVITIES

RSO/ARSO Bridgetown attends weekly country team, core

country team, RSO staff meetings, and MSG guard schools. RSO, ARSO and RSO OMS meet weekly. RSO meets weekly with the DCM and attends a weekly meeting with the Management Officer and his staff. Further, RSO meets daily with the FSNIs, the MSG Detachment Commander, and the Senior SD Shift Supervisor. RSO meets weekly with the local guard force manager unless operations require more frequent contact. Post conducts weekly emergency radio checks.

During the months October-December 2005, RSO operations provided the following: ARSO provided 22 security briefings, the Residential Security Coordinator conducted 4 residential security assessments and installed 1 residential security alarm systems, and provided 3 security alarm briefings; FSNIs provided 2 briefings to new LES, and RSO OMS and staff assisted DHS/BTS/ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) with 52 deportations. RSO OMS issued 6 badges.

DS/IP/WHA authorized a TDY RSO/OMS for this reporting quarter.

1B. DHS/BTS/ICE - Department of HOMELAND SECURITY,
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (BICE)

During the months Oct/Nov/Dec 2005, RSO staff provided assistance to DHS/BTS/ICE Deportation Program with 52 deportations to the Eastern Caribbean. The DHS/BTS/ICE representative for Post is DHS Customs Representative Joel Mahabir who is officed in Miami and supervised by DHS Caribbean Attache, Mike Looney.

DHS/BTS/ICE relies on RSO staff to provide, for each deportation to the Eastern Caribbean, a country clearance cable to DHS/BTS/ICE, letters and memorandums faxed to the Police and Immigration Departments at the destination and to DHS/BTS/ICE, and in some cases, hotel reservations and travel coordination for their escort personnel. DHS/BTS/ICE does not reimburse the Department of State (DOS) for paper supplies, telephone tolls, fax supplies, and salaries and overtime.

In December 2005, RSO calculated reimbursement cost at US \$5,000 per year. RSO requested DSS communicate the reimbursement proposal with DHS/DRO. To date, the

reimbursement request is pending DSS and DHS action.

12. Narrative Overview of Activities:

1A. (U) Monthly Activities:

October 2005

10/15 - RSO arrived at post
10/20 - Post conducted destruction drill
10/20 - RSO met with Ambassador
10/21 - RSO attended newcomer's luncheon
10/21 - RSO provided out-briefing for ATA candidates
10/25 - RSO conducted counseling session with ARSO
10/26 - RSO met with DCM
10/26 - RSO met with local guard project manager
10/27 - RSO, GSO & PM discussed contract deficiencies
10/31 - RSO met with guard company VP

November 2005

11/02 - RSO attended local guard meeting w/company Pres.
11/02 - RSO attended NEC transition meeting
11/09 - RSO attended NEC transition meeting
11/14 - RSO participated in FSI sponsored CME
11/14 - RSO assisted SEO team

11/14 - Post conducted a destruction drill
 11/15 - RSO participated in an FSI sponsored CME
 11/16 - RSO and GSO discussed decommissioning plan
 11/16 - RSO participated in a housing board meeting
 11/16 - RSO met with local guard company VP
 11/21 - RSO/GSO met with armor car reps. Re: relocation
 11/22 - RSO met Peace Corps regional director
 11/23 - RSO attended an Avian Flu working group meeting
 11/23 - RSO met with Canadian High Commission officials

December 2005

12/01 - RSO met with local guard VP
 12/06 - RSO met with OSAC member re; port security
 12/07 - RSO implemented new radio call signs - Barbados
 12/08 - RSO OMS arrived at Post
 12/09 - RSO met with Princess to discuss port security
 12/15 - RSO met with SouthCom Commander
 12/15 - RSO attended NEC Parking Committee meeting
 12/16 - RSO attended Christmas party at CMR
 12/20 - RSO met with Grenada Police Commissioner

B. SECURITY NOTICES

10/20 - Missing American Citizen
 10/21 - Personal Protective Security Measures
 10/27 - Residential Alarm Instructions
 11/04 - Child Abduction Prevention
 12/07 - New Radio Call Signs

C. (SBU) Mission Wide Emergency Action Drills:

CHANCERY

1. Fire: 12/03/04
 2. Bomb: 12/03/04
 3. Destruction: 11/14/05
 4. Internal Def: 12/18/03
 5. Duck and Cover: 03/29/05
 6. Warden Non-official: 09/10/04
 7. Warden Official: 09/10/04

ADMIN ANNEX

1. Fire: 12/03/04
 2. Bomb: 12/03/04
 3. Duck and Cover: 03/29/05

CONSULAR

1. Fire: 10/28/03
 2. Bomb: 12/18/03
 3. Duck and Cover: 09/15/04

Embassy Grenada

1. Fire: 8/25/04
 2. Bomb: 8/25/04
 3. E. Destruction: 8/25/04
 4. Duck and Cover: 3/22/05
 5. Warden Non-official: 9/05/04
 6. Warden Official: 7/14/05

C. (U) Constituent Responsibilities:

(1) EMBASSY GRENADA:

December 20-21, 2005.

--a. The RSO met with the Principal Officer and discussed general security matters for Grenada. The RSO was introduced to Locally Employed Staff (LES) assigned to the embassy. The RSO also conducted a walk-thru at the embassy and principal officer's residence.

- b. The RSO met with the Assistant Peace Corps Director for Grenada. Peace Corps is planning to relocate to another building in Grenada. RSO will provide security assistance for selecting a new site.
- c. The RSO met with and provided the following assistance to Saint George's University staff:
- d. RSO will research if excess drop-arm barriers at AmEmbassy Barbados can be donated to the University.
- e. RSO provided information about OSAC and how SGU can register.
- f. RSO provided contact information for local guard companies capable of providing local guard training.
- g. RSO provided identification badge vendor contact information. SGU expressed interest in purchasing self-expiring badges to assist in access control.
- h. RSO provided a visitor access form template to assist in access control.
- i. RSO provided updated Avian Flu (AI) information and passed AmEmbassy contact information for AI emergency planning.
- j. The RSO met with the acting commissioner, Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF), a member of the police Special Branch and the National Security Advisor. Issues discussed ranged from security for the 2007 Cricket World Cup, police training opportunities and internal security threats (septel).
- k. The FSNI provide local guard training including Itemiser, surveillance indicators, and basic search techniques for packages, persons and vehicles. The FSNI also conducted background investigations and police liaison.
- l. The RSO is planning to return to Grenada on January 11-13, 2006 to provide the following security assistance:
- m. Conduct a comprehensive physical security survey for the embassy and principal officer's residence.
- n. Provide security assistance for Peace Corps' property relocation search.
- o. Provide a security briefing for Peace Corps volunteers assigned to Grenada during an in-country conference.
- p. Provide assistance to the US military Med Ready advance team. A Med Ready operation for Grenada is scheduled for February 2006.
- q. Provide security assistance for Saint George's University security staff.
- r. Provide assistance for local guard training to be offered by the Bridgetown Surveillance Detection Coordinator (SDC). The SDC will also train members of the RGPF to enhance police interdiction capabilities for the embassy.

(2) PEACE CORPS OFFICE, ST. LUCIA:

6/27-28 - No visit this quarter.

(3) U.S. AIR STATION, ANTIGUA: No visit this quarter.

(4) U.S. CONSULAR AGENT ANTIGUA: No visit this quarter.

(5) U.S. CONSULAR AGENT - MARTINIQUE: No visit this quarter.

(6) ST KITTS AND NEVIS: No visit this quarter.

(7) ST. VINCENT: No visit this quarter.

(8) DOMINICA: No visit this quarter.

1D. (U) MSG Activities:

(1) Date/Type of drills:

10/28 - Internal defense
11/28 - Intruder containment
12/21 - Bomb drill
12/24 - Bomb drill

(2) Guard School Attendance: Weekly on Wednesday, all hands in attendance.

(3) Visits:

- November 19 - Marine Ball, Lt. Col. Harrop III

(4) TDY Requests: N/A

(5) Administrative Actions: N/A

(6) Routine Transfers:

- December 5, Sgt Patcsil transferred

13. THREATS AND INCIDENTS:

1A. (U) Antigua and Barbuda: Nothing to report this quarter.

--See Bridgetown 2205, Senate President raped

1B. (U) Barbados:

--05 Bridgetown 2177, Local press on CT capabilities
--05 Bridgetown 2183, Bomb threat at local school
--05 Bridgetown 2245, Possible visa fraud
--05 Bridgetown 2246, Possible visa fraud
--05 Bridgetown 2247, Burglary of USG residence
--05 Bridgetown 2248, Theft of USG dependent property
--05 Bridgetown 2348, Possession of Dynamite

1C. (U) Dominica: Nothing to report this quarter.

1D. (U) Embassy Grenada: Nothing to report this quarter.

1E. (U) St. Kitts and Nevis: Nothing to report this quarter.

1F. (U) St. Lucia: Nothing to report this quarter.

1G. (U) St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Nothing to report this quarter.

1H. (U) Dependent Territories: Nothing to report this quarter.

14. (U) DS INITIATED INVESTIGATIONS:

1A. Personnel Security Investigations:

-	Opened	Closed	Pending	Overdue
PSS	8	21	8	5
VF	0	0	0	0

PF	0	0	1	0
CIL	2	0	2	0
PR	0	0	0	0
CI	0	0	0	0
PII	0	0	0	0

B. Number of Cases Generated by Post:

-	Opened	Closed	Pending	Overdue
Post FSN/PSC	1	1	0	0
OBO RFA's	12	12	0	0
OA RFA's	50	50	0	0
Host Gov RFAs	0	0	0	0

(NOTE: RSO FSNI's support OBO Site Security Manager (SSM) by conducting local and regional police checks, FSN certification background investigations, and police liaison. (END NOTE)

15. (U) ACTION REQUESTS NOT ANSWERED BY DS: N/A

16. (U) SUMMARY OF SEPARATE REPORTS:

A. EAC: 05 BRIDGETOWN 1354, 05/27
EAC: 05 Bridgetown 1476, 06/28

B. CIWG: 05 BRIDGETOWN 0638, 03/10
 05 BRIDGETOWN 1169, 05/05

C. EAP:
 - Bridgetown: 04 BRIDGETOWN 2777, 12/14
 05 STATE 86164, 05/10
 - Grenada: 05 BRIDGETOWN 0622, 03/08.

- Last RST visits:

- Barbados: 4/1997.
 - Grenada: 3/04, See 04 BRIDGETOWN 0289, 0419

D. Physical Security Surveys:

BARBADOS:
 - Chancery: Pouched 2/25/02 Due: 02/25/05
 ECD: 09/30/05
 - Admin Annex: Pouched 9/06/01 Due: 09/06/04
 ECD: 09/30/05
 - Consular Build: Pouched 9/10/01 Due: 09/10/04
 ECD: 09/30/05

NOTE: On Barbados, Post plans to move into the New Embassy Compound (NEC) in the second half of CY 2006. DS/OBO transition and decommissioning teams will travel to Post next quarter to plan the transition and decommissioning of the Chancery, Annex and Consular buildings, and determine the disposition of DS-funded technical and physical security equipment. END NOTE

GRENADA: RSO traveled to Grenada from December 20-21 to conduct a physical security survey.

- CHANCERY: ECD: 09/30/05

E. Procedural:

- Bridgetown: Policy published 10/08/04
 - Grenada: Policy published 11/04/04

F. SPE Inventory: 05 BRIDGETOWN 1146, 06/23/05

G. ACEQ: 05 BRIDGETOWN 0519, 02/28/05

H. SEPQ: 05 BRIDGETOWN 0628, 03/09/05

I. OSAC: 05 BRIDGETOWN 0439, 02/18/05

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